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EMMEN. Two hippopotami frolicking in their “private pool” in the Emmen Zoo. Built in the centre of the city in 1935, completely renewed in 1970, “Dierenpark Emmen” is considered to be one of the finest zoos in Europe. Because of lack of space for expansion a new, second site was opened in 1998 just outside Emmen. More on Emmen on pages 18 & 19.

Important: The entries below are an indication only of what events are planned during the coming months and the information given may not always be accurate and could be subject to change.
For up-to-date accurate information, **always** refer to the larger function advertisements inside this paper or the posters displayed in the clubhouse.

Upcoming Functions in Neerlandia or in other venues as shown:

Sunday 3 March	<u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u>	11.00 am
	Cost: \$7.00	
Thursday 14 March	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Friday 22 March	<u>"End of Month Drinks"</u>	
	More information on page 5	
Sunday 24 March	<u>"Easter Brunch"</u>	10.00 am
	Members: \$12.00 Guests \$15.00	
	More information on page 12	
Thursday 28 March	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open

Friday 29 March—2nd April Clubhouse closed for Easter.

Sunday 7 April	<u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u>	11.00 am
	Cost: \$7.00	
Thursday 11 April	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Thursday 25 April	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Friday 26 April	<u>"End of Month Drinks"</u>	
	More information on page 5	
Tuesday 30 April	<u>"The Coronation of Prince Willem Alexander and Piness Maxima"</u>	
	Details to be announced	
Sunday 5 May	<u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u>	11.00 am
	Cost: \$7.00	
Saturday 11 May	<u>"Smorgasbord of Jazz and Great Food"</u>	
	With the Storyville Jazz Club	7.00 pm
	Costs: \$40.00 p.p. all inclusive	

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Private Members Parties:

For bookings of Private Members Parties or information that is not in this magazine, please phone:

Gerry Creemers on: 9356 4207 or E-mail her on: gerrycreemers@iinet.net.au or Lianna Parker on: 0419 181 154

Minimum charges for using our Clubhouse facilities are:

Use of Hall	from \$275.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Lounge	from \$100.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Kitchen	from \$100.00 (Incl. GST)

Report from your President



30 April

After much speculation, it was announced that HM Koningin Beatrix will abdicate on 30 April 2013. Her eldest son Prins Willem-Alexander will succeed her as King Willem-Alexander, the first Dutch

king in more than 123 years. Of course Neerlandia will celebrate this historic occasion in cooperation with the Dutch Consulate. A day of celebration and lots of Dutch television broadcast is currently being organized to give everyone the opportunity to watch this historic event together. The details will be published as soon as the program for the day has been finalized.

Reversed Nationality Ceremony

Monday 18 February was the third time that Dutch Society Neerlandia hosted a Reversed Nationality Ceremony. It is a pleasure to cooperate with The Dutch Embassy in Canberra and with the Dutch Consulate here in Perth and organize an event whereby born Australians obtain Dutch citizenship. You will find more details about the ceremony next month in the magazine.

Questionnaire

As you may remember, when I joined the Neerlandia Committee in 2009, I promised, for the next five years, to work as hard as I can to save the Club from dying out. Now four years later, both the Club and I are still together, which is, I guess, a positive.

But how can we secure the existence of the club into a more distant future? For a very long time I had this idea to send out a questionnaire addressed to the newer Dutch migrants.

I thought that, if Neerlandia wanted to attract that group of people, Neerlandia needed to know how to make itself attractive to this group. So finally, on 1 February, I circulated a questionnaire amongst The Newies.

I had no idea what to expect so you may appreciate that I was totally overwhelmed to find that so far, 81 responses of the 180

questionnaires sent, were returned. Obviously not all comments were complimentary, (trust The Dutch) but there was a general sense of wanting to have a central hub to meet. Therefore, for the months to come, together with the Committee, I will study the comments, suggestions and other information that members of the Dutch Community submitted. The questionnaire closes on 28 February and the updates of the findings will be ongoing.

Repair and Maintenance

Tony and Henk have changed the bulbs in the spotlights that are high on the ceiling. That was not an easy job. Thank you Tony & Henk!

On a personal note

As I am writing this month's President's Report, I am looking forward to the arrival of my parents in Perth. Every year they travel from the Netherlands to Australia and I find myself very lucky that they are still in such good health that they are happy to travel the distance. I am looking forward to introducing them to you.

I hope that you'll enjoy the March issue of the Neerlandia Magazine.

Lianna Parker

IN LOVING MEMORY

We received notification that the following member has passed away:

Jan Kieneker (9 January 2013)

Our sincere condolences to his family from the Dutch Society Neerlandia of WA Inc and the Associated clubs:

DJVV (de Jeugd van Vroeger)
the Wednesday Card Club
and the Neerlandia Card Club



May He Rest in Peace.

Editorial notes,

The big news in the Netherlands is of course the abdication of Queen Beatrix.

On the 30th of April she will hand over the duties of the monarchy to her son Willem Alexander, Prince of Orange, who will then become "King Willem Alexander." And Princess Maxima will become "Queen Maxima" at the same time.

On pages 10 & 11 you can see the headline of one of the Dutch Newspaper as well as the abdication announcement both in the Dutch and in the English language.

There will be a huge celebration in the Netherlands on Tuesday the 30th of April, when the crowning will take place in the capital city of Amsterdam, starting at 10.30 am.

No doubt the Neerlandia Committee will be looking into the possibilities of showing the event in their clubhouse on that late afternoon/evening.

If any news about this event is sorted before our deadline, it will still be announced in this magazine.

It has also been made known that as from 2014, Queen's Day, (Koninginne Dag) which was always held on the 30th of April, will no longer be held on that day. Instead there will be a King's Day (Konings Dag) and this day will be celebrated on the 27th of April, Prince Willem Alexander's birthday.

It has also been announced that if the King's Day falls on a Sunday, the celebrations will take place on the Saturday before that Sunday.

Sport.

A very young Dutch National Soccer team was selected by new coach Dick Advocaat and they played a friendly against arch rivals Italy in Amsterdam. With the Netherlands playing a refreshing brand of attacking football, they took the lead in the first half and it was not until the last minute of the match that Italy scored the equaliser.



Prince Willem Alexander and Princess Maxima will become our new King and Queen.

Pieter Leeftang



Traditionally the Queens Birthday is a huge popular Dutch Public Holiday, celebrated in a sea of Orange as seen here in Amsterdam and the future King's Days will no doubt be more of the same.

Sunday Klaverjas Drives.

De eerstvolgende Klaverjas Drives worden gehouden op zondag 3 Maart en op zondag 7 April.



Kosten: \$8.00 per persoon.

Kom gezellig Klaverjassen in het Neerlandia Clubhuis.

De prijzen zijn tegoed bonnen voor onze winkel.

Lunch & 2 kopjes koffie zijn bij de toegangsprijs inbegrepen.

De toegangsprijs prijs is iets omhoog gegaan om de steigende onkosten te dekken.

Aanvang 11.00 uur.

Iedereen is welkom.



DUTCH IMPORTED LIQUOR

INMAAK BRANDEWIJN	\$55.00 PER LITER
OUDE Jenever	\$55.00 PER LITER
JONGE Jenever	\$50.00 PER LITER
CITROEN Jenever	\$50.00 PER LITER
BEERENBURG	\$50.00 PER LITER
POLLEN BESSEN Jenever	\$50.00 PER LITER
ZWARTE BESSEN Jenever	\$40.00 PER LITER
CITROEN BRANDEWIJN	\$40.00 PER LITER
KERSEN BRANDEWIJN	\$40.00 PER LITER
MILLWOOD LIQUEUR	\$35.00 per 700 ML
DIKKE ADVOCaat	\$32.00 per 700 ML

AVAILABLE WHEN THE BAR IS OPEN:

DJVV 2nd Thursdays:	10.00 am—2.00 pm
Thursdays Evenings:	7.00 pm—10.30 pm
Organised Functions:	See page 2
Fridays:	10.00 am—Noon



PRE-ORDERED BOTTLES CAN ALSO BE COLLECTED WHEN THE SHOP IS OPEN:

Every Wednesday from:
11.00 am—1.00 pm

End of Month Drinks

**The next two End of Month Drinks will be held
on Friday the 22nd of March 2013 and
on Friday the 28th of April**

**NEW HOURS! The Bar will be open from 5.30 pm - 9.00 pm,
and the Kitchen will remain open until 8.30 pm.**

**Come along after work for some relaxation, meet up with old
friends or make new ones and enjoy a Dutch beer or a Dutch
snack or just a cup of coffee!**

Available from our Kitchen:

**Coffee & Dutch Appeltaart! Broodje Kroket! Broodje Frikandel!
Broodje Rookworst! Bitterballen! Chips!**

“Kinder Menus” also available!

The Neerlandia Shop will be open for your convenience!

Everyone is welcome - Everyone is welcome - Everyone is welcome.

Eventjes bijpraten met Lianna & Marieke



End of Month Drinks January

The other day someone mentioned that the End of Month Drinks are growing in popularity. And indeed, this function has proven to be very popular as we are now averaging about 100 people per month.

On Friday January 25th the Eve of the Australia Day Long Weekend, many members of the Dutch Community in Perth dropped in for a chat and a drink.

It is very rewarding to know that in these changing times, with an aging membership, one function is doing so well. It is also encouraging to see many younger visitors to our club.

Is this a sign that times are a changing for Neerlandia?

Amongst these, we were thrilled to welcome Klaas & Heather Pool. Klaas is an author and he wrote a gripping novel, *Australis Gold Companie*. A copy of the book is available from Lianna Parker and a part of the proceeds are donated to Neerlandia.

In next month's issue of the magazine you will find a review of this book.

Thank you to the many of you, who keep donating toys for the Children's Paradise; it makes that area a pleasant play area for the children to spend a couple hours.

After some suggestions from our regular "End of Monthers" we introduced Hoegaarden Witbier. This obviously brought out the Vlaamse in our visitors as we sold out the entire trial stock. It will now be a regular.

The amount of visitors to the "Borrel" warrants that we will trial opening the big bar in the main hall for the next one in February. It will give everybody a bit more space to move and it will be interesting to see how it will affect the dynamics of the February End of Month Drinks.

Due to Good Friday being on 29 March, **the End of Month Drinks in March will be on Friday February 22nd!**

Donations

Again we have received donations for the club house from members of the Dutch Community.

Thank you to Rita for the beautiful Block Tower and Miriam & GJ for the load of VHS tapes with Dutch Language Children's movies.

Sonja & Rick donated a car race course (yet to be installed) and heaps of Dutch language children's books.

Liz Fasher dropped in to give us the most beautiful

original lace that belonged to her mother who was a seamstress. This delicious lace should go to a person who enjoys sewing. Please contact me on 0419 181 154 if you are interested.



Library - Dutch Language Books

With a growing number of Dutch moving to Perth, I would like to offer the opportunity for people to have access to Dutch language books. So for quite a while now I have been thinking about that area near the Dacwa Offices. What I would like to see is that the library becomes a collection of modern, updated titles for Members of the Dutch Community to borrow (and to return!).

I am looking for people who can join me in cleaning out the library and replace old books with contemporary ones.

On top of that I would welcome the books that you don't read anymore - there will be lots of people who will enjoy the read after you.

So if you have contemporary titles or you want to give me a hand to sort out the current collection of books that we have, please contact me on 0419 181 154 or lianna_parker@bigpond.com

It would be great to have an updated library full of books for your enjoyment!

Vacancies

We are currently looking for **Committee Members** with new ideas. We are particularly looking for technical people, kitchen staff and general. We are also in need of an assistant Secretary.

The Club needs **photographers** to take pictures on a roster basis and we are looking for **writers** of Club events. Please contact Lianna Parker on lianna_parker@bigpond.com (_between lianna and parker) or give a call on 0419 181 154. Current Committee Members and Volunteers are stretched to the limit and work pressure is starting to show and to affect those involved

Electronic Version of the Neerlandia Magazine

More members are now requesting the electronic version of the Neerlandia Magazine. Reasons are the beautiful colours of the print and the photographs, the presentation in general and the practicality. If you are interested in receiving your copy electronically, please contact the President on lianna_parker@bigpond.com (_between lianna and parker).

Dutch Trivia

De frikandel werd in 1954 voor het eerst gemaakt

Eventjes bijpraten met Lianna & Marieke

door Gerrit de Vries in Dordrecht. Hij maakte gehaktballen voor de horeca en door een wijziging in de Warenwet moest hij zijn product, dat bij zijn klanten in de smaak viel, veranderen. Hij maakte vervolgens van de bal een soort worst. De naam frikandel werd hem door een snakbarhoudster van Duitse afkomst aangereikt: daar bestond de Frikadelle, een platte gehaktbal. Annually the Dutch eat 500 million frikandellen - no wonder this "delicacy" is so popular amongst those visiting the End of Month Drinks!

Membership

The membership payments for 2013 are still coming in.

Stella, who is processing all the forms after we have received your payments, is working hard to get the new membership cards sent to you. Please don't worry if you have paid but you have not received your card yet as we are hoping to have all the cards out by 1 April.

If you have not paid yet and you mislaid the membership form that was included in the November issue of the magazine, you can easily grab a form from the clubhouse. The forms are on the table at the door, in the shop and on the big bar in the hall. Please fill in the details and hand your form and your money to a representative of the Committee: Tony Horsten, Marieke vd Berg, Gerry Creemers or myself.

Furthermore Freda Hovingh and Piet Leeftang are always willing to collect your payments. If you find that no forms are left, please advise one of us.

We would really appreciate it if you handed in a completed form as it is quite time consuming for us to do it for you. From 2014 onwards, payments can be made through EFT. We therefore ask you kindly to start working with your unique Membership number. For instance, if you choose to pay by EFT next year, you should write on your bank details when paying: 2014/210. That way we know exactly that Member number 210 has electronically paid membership for 2014.

When it comes to payments, we have to be very careful that credit goes to the right person. It is therefore essential that you use your membership number when paying electronically.

Neerlandia Shop and the Beschuit Saga

As you will have, no doubt noticed, there has been a gaping hole in the shop that is usually filled with our much loved Bolletje Beschuit.

It has taken a little while to figure out why our suppliers had run out of beschuit. It turns out there

has been a misunderstanding between the exporters in The Netherlands and the importers in Australia. This has now been cleared up, and more beschuit is on the way to Australia. However, as you will appreciate, it takes a good 6 weeks for any shipment to reach Australia, and then it still has to find its way to WA. Rest assured, Neerlandia has got its order in with our suppliers, and as soon as beschuit becomes available again, Neerlandia will get its share and it will be business as usual.

Things for grabs

Orange Chairs

We have managed to sell a few orange chairs. As we want to have disposed of them before the winter, members will have the opportunity to come and collect any number of chairs for free. Those chairs that are left over by 1 April will go to charity.

Also, in the Neerlandia office, we have a few pieces of hardware for grabs: an Epson printer and an LG flat screen monitor.

Interested? Please arrange pick up on any Friday morning. Call Lianna Parker 0419 181 154 or email lianna_parker@bigpond.com.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!! THE FOLLOWING ARE NOW MEMBERS OF THE DUTCH SOCIETY NEERLANDIA

Marjorie Blij
Nonja Peters
Susy Kohn
Gary Pratley
Rick Berg
Piet de Jong
Sylvia Huveneers
Craig Adamson
Ferdinand Klesch
Sonja Lyons
Bob Moerland
Klaas Pool
Anne Roy
Alicia Tienkamp
Laura Gieberts
Maria & Gerard van Boeyen
Wilhelmina van Kuis
Jannetje van Rijnswooud
John van Straalen
Paula Schepemaker



Laughter is still the best medicine



A Good Choice.

A woman was asked by a smart reporter, "When you reach a ripe old age and you would get ill, what illness would you prefer to get? Parkinson's or Alzheimer's? This wise lady answered: "Definitely Parkinson's, better to spill half my wine than to forget where I put the bottle"

Patient Grandfather:

A woman in a supermarket is following a grandfather and his badly behaved 3 year old grandson. It's obvious to her that he has his hands full, with the child screaming for sweets in the sweet aisle, biscuits in the biscuit aisle and for fruit, cereal and pop corn in the other aisles.

Meanwhile, Granddad is working his way around, saying in a controlled voice, "Easy, William, we won't be long easy, boy."

Another outburst and she hears the granddad calmly say: "It's okay, William, just a couple more minutes and we'll be out of here. Hang in there, boy."

At the checkout, the little terror is throwing items out of the cart and Granddad says again in a controlled voice: "William, William, relax buddy, don't get upset. We'll be home in five minutes; stay cool, William."

Very impressed, the woman goes outside where the grandfather is loading his groceries and the boy into the car.

She said to the elderly gentleman: "It's really none of my business, but you were amazing in there. I don't know how you did it. That whole time, you kept your composure and no matter how loud and disruptive he got, you just calmly kept saying things would be okay. William is very lucky to have you as his grandpa."

"Thanks," said the grandfather: "but Im William ... the little ratbag's name is Kevin!"

The man who gave up sex for golf.

A golfer is in a competitive match with a friend, who is ahead by a couple of strokes.

"Boy, I'd give anything to sink this putt," the golfer mumbled to himself.

Just then a stranger walks up beside him and whispers, "Would you be willing to give up one-fourth of your sex life?"

Thinking the man is crazy and his answer will be meaningless, the golfer also feels that maybe this is a good omen so he says: "Sure," and sinks the putt.

Two holes later, he mumbles to himself again: "Gee, I sure would like to get an eagle on this one."

Miraculously the same stranger is at his side again and whispers: "Would it be worth giving up another fourth

of your sex life?"

Shrugging, the golfer replies, "Okay." And he makes an eagle.

On the final hole, the golfer needs another eagle to win. Without waiting for him to say anything, the stranger quickly moves to his side and says: "Would winning this match be worth giving up the rest of your sex life?"

"Definitely," the golfer replies and he makes the eagle.

As the golfer is walking to the clubhouse, the stranger appears again and says: "I'm the Devil and from this day forward you will have no sex life."

"Nice to meet you," the golfer replies, "I'm Father O'Malley."

Elderly Proposal:

There were these two elderly people living in a Florida mobile home park.

He was a widower and she a widow. They had known one another for a number of years and he was quite fond of her.

Now, one evening there was a community supper in the big activity centre.

These two were at the same table, across from one another. As the meal went on, he made a few admiring glances at her and finally gathered up his courage to ask her: "Will you marry me?" After about six seconds of careful consideration, she answered: "Yes. Yes, I will." The meal ended and with a few more pleasant exchanges they went to their respective places.

Next morning, he was troubled. Did she say 'yes' or did she say 'no'? He couldn't remember. Try as he would, he just could not recall. No even a faint memory.

With trepidation, he went to the telephone and called her. First, he explained to her that he didn't remember as well as he used to. Then he reviewed the lovely evening. As he gained a little more courage, he then inquired of her: "When I asked if you would marry me, did you say 'Yes' or did you say 'No'?"

He was delighted to hear her say: "I said, yes, yes and I meant it with all my heart."

Then she continued: "And I am so glad that you called, because I couldn't remember who had asked me!"



Sunday Drive & Merchandise

December Sunday Drive:

On Sunday the 3rd of February the very first Klaverjas Drive of the year 2013 was held. It was a fairly hot day with a maximum of 37 degrees, but it was nice and cool in our lounge and we still managed to get 7 tables and the atmosphere, as usual, was very good and cosy. We actually had one person too many, but Irma van der Kwast volunteered to go home, as she had started early in the morning in the kitchen with Thea de Koning. This gesture was most appreciated.

Once the early cup of coffee with it's customary "Speculaasje" was consumed, everyone drew a table number and the competition got on the way, with the usual break for lunch, prepared by Thea and Irma and we thank them very much for the work they do for us, time and time again.

This time around there was a very clear winner but it was a fierce battle for the minor prizes with less than 30 points separating 2nd and 5th.

The results of the competition was as follows:

1st Prize:	Elly Schenkelaars	6995 pts
2nd Prize:	Peter Segers	6640 pts
3rd Prize:	Joke Leeftang	6630 pts



Elly Schenkelaars received the 1st prize and Joke Leeftang the 3rd prize.

The next Sunday card drive will be on Sunday 3rd March and the one after that on Sunday the 10th of April.

Gerry Creemers.

DE NEERLANDIA WINKEL

Levensmiddelen en allerlei lekkernijen uit Nederland

- ... Bitterballen, Krokette & Frietkandellen.
- ... Van Wees Rookworst.
- ... Leidse & Goudse Kaas
- ... **Gerookte Makreel**
- ... Ontbijtkoek, Gember Koek en Candij Koek
- ... Groenten in glas en in blik
- ... Piccalilly & Zoet-Zure Augurken. (Bommen of Party Sticks)
- ... Zoute Drop, Stroopwafels, Gesorteerde Koekjes & Beschuut
- ... Gestampde Muisjes, Hagelslag, Fruithagel & Chocolate Vlokken
- ... Amandel Koeken, Kano's, Amsterdammers & Speculaasjes en Speculaas Brokken
- ... Stroopwafels en een sortering van andere koekjes

De Neerlandia Winkel is open op de volgende dagen:

Elke Woensdag	van 10.00 am - 1.00 pm
Elke tweede Donderdag (DJVV week)	van 11.00 am - 2.00 pm
Elke Donderdag avond	van 10.00 pm - 11.00 pm
Iedere Vrijdag	van 10.00 am - Noon

De Neerlandia winkel is bemand door vrijwilligers en daarom moeten de bovenstaande tijden een beetje ruim genomen worden

dinsdag 29 januari 2013

Prijs: € 1,40

AD

ALGEMEEN DAGBLAD

**KONINGIN BEATRIX MAAKT
HAAR AFTREDEN BEKEND:**

*'Bedankt
dat ik uw
koningin
mocht
zijn'*



Foto: A&P

**'HET IS TIJD
VOOR EEN
NIEUWE
GENERATIE'**



**WENNEN AAN
'KONINGS-DAG'**

PAGINA 4

MET Z'N ALLEN OP
DE STOEP BIJ
HUIS TEN BOSCH

PAGINA 5



**BEATRIX IN
BEELDEN**

PAGINA 6

**WARM ALS
JULIANA,
MET EEN
VLEUGJE
GLAMOUR**

PAGINA 13



De afschijds toespraak van Koningin Beatrix

Lees hieronder de toespraak van koningin Beatrix, waarin zij haar afscheid als koningin van Nederland aankondigde.

Zoals u allen weet, hoop ik over enkele dagen mijn 75ste verjaardag te vieren. Ik ben dankbaar dat het mij gegund is deze dag in goede gezondheid tegemoet te gaan. Aan het einde van dit jaar zullen wij herdenken dat ons land tweehonderd jaar geleden een koninkrijk werd, waarmee in onze geschiedenis een nieuw tijdperk aanbrak.

Het samenvallen van deze twee bijzondere gebeurtenissen is voor mij de aanleiding geweest te besluiten dit jaar uit mijn ambt terug te treden. Het lijkt mij een goed moment om deze stap, die ik al enige jaren overweeg, nu daadwerkelijk te nemen.

Ik heb het altijd als een uitzonderlijk voorrecht beschouwd een groot deel van mijn leven in dienst van ons land te kunnen stellen en overeenkomstig mijn opdracht te mogen geven aan het koningschap. Daarbij was Prins Claus mij vele jaren tot grote steun.

Tot op de dag van vandaag heeft deze mooie taak mij veel voldoening geschonken. Het is inspirerend zich bij mensen betrokken te voelen, mee te leven met verdriet en te delen in tijden van vreugde en nationale trots. Dat heb ik eveneens mogen ervaren in de Caraïbische delen van ons koninkrijk, waar ik ook altijd veel warmte en hartelijkheid heb ondervonden.

Ik treed dan ook niet terug omdat het ambt mij te zwaar zou vallen, maar vanuit de overtuiging dat de verantwoordelijkheid voor ons land nu in handen van een nieuwe generatie moet liggen. Het is met het grootste vertrouwen dat ik op 30 april van dit jaar het koningschap zal overdragen aan mijn zoon, de Prins van Oranje.

Hij en Prinses Máxima zijn ten volle op hun toekomstige taak voorbereid. Zij zullen ons land met toewijding dienen, getrouw de grondwet onderhouden en met al hun talenten een eigen invulling geven aan het koningschap.

Gesterkt voel ik mij door de gedachte dat het plaats maken voor mijn opvolger niet betekent dat ik afscheid neem van u. Ik hoop dat ik velen van u nog dikwijls kan ontmoeten. Ik ben u diep dankbaar voor het vertrouwen dat u mij heeft gegeven in de vele mooie jaren waarin ik uw koningin mocht zijn.

The English translation of the speech in which Queen Beatrix announced her abdication as Queen of the Netherlands.

As you all know, in a few days I hope to celebrate my 75th birthday. I am thankful that I have been granted the opportunity to do so in good health. At the end of this year we shall mark the 200th anniversary of the foundation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, an occasion that ushered in a new era in our history.

The fact that these two special events coincide led me to decide to relinquish the throne this year. It seems to me to be an appropriate moment to take this step, which I have been considering for some time.

I have always regarded it as an exceptional privilege to have been able to dedicate a large part of my life to the service of our country and to have been able to discharge the duties of the monarchy as I was called to do. For many years Prince Claus was a great support to me in this task.

Throughout this time I have derived great satisfaction from such a fulfilling role. It is inspiring to feel close to people, to sympathise with them in times of sorrow and to share in times of joy and national pride. That has also been my experience in the Caribbean parts of our Kingdom, where I have always encountered great warmth and hospitality.

So I am abdicating not because my duties are becoming too burdensome, but because I am convinced that it is time for the responsibility for our country to pass to a new generation.

On 30 April this year, with the utmost confidence, I shall hand over the duties of the monarchy to my son, the Prince of Orange.

He and Princess Máxima are fully prepared for their future role. They will serve our country with dedication, faithfully uphold the Constitution and use their many talents to discharge the duties of the monarchy in their own distinctive way.

I feel fortified by the knowledge that making way for my successor does not mean that I am taking my leave of you all. I hope still to have plenty of opportunities to meet many of you. I am deeply grateful to you for the trust that you have placed in me throughout the many rewarding years I have had the privilege of being your Queen.



Lachen is gezond



Gevarieerde Moppen:

Jantje komt te laat op school en zegt: "Ik moest de stier wegbrengen om een koe te dekken."

De onderwijzer reageert geïrriteerd: "Kan je vader dat niet doen?"

Jantje: "Jazeker, maar ik denk dat de stier het beter kan."

Op een avond loopt Patrick zijn stamcafé binnen en zegt:

"Wim, geef me snel een groot glas bier. Ik heb net ruzie gehad met het vrouwtje."

"Oh ja", zegt Wim. "En hoe verliep het deze keer?" "Toen het voorbij was", antwoordt Patrick, "kwam ze op handen en voeten bij me gekropen."

"Echt waar?", zegt Wim, "dat is verrassend! En wat zei ze?"

"Ze zei: "Kom onder dat bed vandaan, schijtluis!"

Een man wil als docent op een meisjesschool gaan werken. De eerste gesprekken met de directie waren goed. De man heeft echter één probleempje: hij heeft een zenuwtrek en knippert voortdurend met één oog. De directeur heeft hier wel problemen mee. Een klas vol meisjes waar je steeds naar zit te knipogen, dat kan natuurlijk niet. De man antwoordt dat de tic weggaat op het moment dat hij aspirine inneemt. "Wel", zegt de directeur, "laat dat dan maar eens zien." De

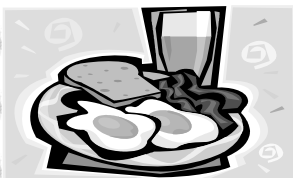
man grabbelt in zijn zak en haalt er de eerste paar keer handenvol condooms uit. Vervolgens heeft hij het pilletje te pakken en slikt het in. De tic verdwijnt meteen. Maar nu zit het er natuurlijk bovenarms op. De directeur wil zijn uitleg over die condooms wel eens horen:

"Een meisjesschool? En dan zo'n vent die met die dingen op zak rondloopt? Dat kan echt niet!"

"Oh nee?" antwoordt de man. "Heb jij wel al eens knipogend om aspirine gevraagd bij de apotheker?"

Een aantrekkelijke vrouw heeft een mooie kledingkast gekocht bij Ikea. Na een paar dagen belt ze de meubelzaak en klaagt dat de kast een paar keer per dag spontaan in elkaar stort. Een mannetje van Ikea komt eens kijken en constateert dat iedere keer er een trein passeert de kast inderdaad instort. Omdat hij niet kan zien wat precies gebeurt, gaat hij in de kast staan om met een zaklamp, alle boutjes, moertjes en schroefjes in de gaten te houden. Plots hoort hij gestommel. De kast wordt opengetrokken en de Ikeaman staat oog in oog met een gespieerde kerel. Het blijkt de vriend van de vrouw te zijn en deze wil weten wat de man in de kledingkast van zijn vriendin uitspookt. "Tja", zegt de Ikeaman, "u gelooft het vast niet, maar ik sta hier op de trein te wachten."

OUR EASTERBRUNCH WILL BE ON SUNDAY THE 24TH OF MARCH AT 10.00 AM



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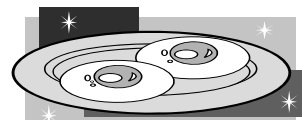
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December 2012

DUTCH AGED CARE NEWSLETTER

The Official Publication of Dutch Aged Care Western Australia Inc.
To all members and supporters of DACWA

Editorial.

Having recently returned from a holiday to Europe it is a struggle to come to terms with the warm weather. Coming from frost and snow to the sweltering heat takes some adjusting. During my travels I was very fortunate to be in Den Haag when Queen Beatrix announced she was resigning. She feels it was time for a new generation, her son Willem Alexander. It was a great experience to listen to the Queen's simple worded but powerful speech, while being with family and friends. When the Dutch national anthem was played, my little four year old nephew was the first to stand up and we all felt very emotional.

But now back to the order of the day which is this newsletter. In this edition you will find, apart from the usual DACWA details, a profile on one of our Support Workers and a small article to introduce one of our Board of Management members. There is a piece on the yearly volunteers' lunch, feedback from a client about the Christmas lunch and a great letter from another client.

As always we would like to stress that when you have an interesting story to share with us, please send it to us by email, post or give us a phone call.

Karin Eastwood

Editor,

DACWA newsletter

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF SUPPORT WORKER HERMINE.

What was the inspiration to re-apply to work for DACWA as a Support Worker?

The reason I left DACWA was to live close to my family over East. Alas, no-one would employ me there, despite my Cert III and some years of experience. Then I made the decision to return to secure employment in Perth. Thanks to Government assistance I was able to make my way back, and I am happy to work with DACWA again.

What are your responsibilities as SUPPORT WORKER?

As a Support Worker it is my duty to assist clients as much as possible (within DACWA's guidelines). That can be from mopping the floor to talk through a 'situation' a client feels unable to understand, to just having coffee together for a relaxing time. The end effect of all my support is to enable a client to live an independent life in their own home, for as long as possible.

Please describe to us a good day as SUPPORT WORKER?

When I am greeted with a smile and I leave their home with a smile on their faces – that is a good day. To me, that means my help was appreciated.

What about bad days?

Some days need an even more thoughtful way to interact with a client, but I never really as such had a bad day.

How can you see the changes within the organisation?

Over the years there seem to be more opportunities for support workers to expand their knowledge, like workshops, meetings. And anytime any of us need help of any kind someone from the office is always there for us.

Are you still satisfied with your work?

For many years before I even had a chance to do a course in this field I wanted to help people. Finally, when the opportunity was there – well, the rest is history. I don't think I ever will not like this kind of work.

Would you like to see any changes?

The dedication of our support workers should be kept to DACWA's high standards.

Your work is very much a one-one relationship, how do you prevent yourself from getting too involved with the client?

Various ways, eg how a client is addressed (after all, they are our employers); how a conversation is held; no personal information is given out, especially phone or address. All this can be done in a polite and tactful way.

Have you found yourself in a situation whereby you were tempted to step over boundaries?

Yes, the possibilities were there. But (especially) as a Support Worker I must always be in command of my own self, and know how far I can go.

Is there anything you would like to say about DACWA in general or about your work in particular?

All I can say is DACWA is a great organisation to work with and for. There has not been an instance where I felt I needed to question any decision that was made.

CVS/HVS Coordinator/Dutch Aged Care (WA)

New Board member.

Please meet Ute Benford who joined our Board of Management in July 2012. Ute was born in Germany where she worked as a financial manager for over 15 years. In Perth she worked for a while as a Support Worker with DACWA until she moved on to another field. Ute is not working at present.

Ute says she joined the DACWA Board of Management because: 'I like the people at DACWA, I love what they do for the Dutch/German community and I feel privileged to be a part of it'.

When Ute was asked what her hobbies were she replied enthusiastically: 'my dogs, my garden, reading and meeting people'.

Upcoming Events

Monthly DACWA Board Meeting

– Every 3rd Tuesday of the month.

For details on the DACWA Board or DACWA in general, contact Karin on: 9382 4186 or

Email: om@dacwa.org

Ratatouille Club

– every other Thursday.

A friendly get-together with light physical and/or mental exercises.

Clients and DACWA financial members welcome. Participation \$3 per session

For details contact the CACP Care Team on:

9388 1678 or 9382 1983 or

Email cacp@dacwa.org

Classes have started again on 7 February 2013

Friends of DACWA End of Month Drinks

–Every Last Friday of the month.

From 5:30pm – 9:00pm in the lounge of Dutch Society 'Neerlandia',

230 Cambridge Street, Wembley.

Due to Easter Friday being on Friday the 29th of March, the March End of Month Drinks will be held a week earlier on Friday the 22nd of March.

Workshops for Support Workers in 2013 are planned on:

16 May 2013

22 August 2013

14 November 2013

28 November 2013

Workshops for DACWA volunteers in 2013 are planned on:

14 May 2013

27 August 2013

19 November 2013

Australia Overview of Dementia

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A warm welcome to the following New Members

**Mrs H Eagle
Mr F Taylor**

DACWA NEWSLETTER

Dear DACWA Friends,

You have done it again, and so fantastic too. Many thanks for the Christmas luncheon which was excellent. The organisation of the whole morning/afternoon was well done. From the beginning till the end.

And the surprise of Christmas stollen, served with our coffee....that always hits a spot.... I don't think there was one person in the hall that did not enjoy it.

There was a gentle atmosphere among the people....and quietly enjoyed by so many.

We watched the helpers, so nimble on their feet. They had a smile and a good word for everyone.

And a gift for all clients....we now have coffee, biscuits but then also a tea towel so not to forget the washing up....if that wasn't a hint.

May all of you have a wonderful Christmas and a New Year that brings you lots of good things and great satisfaction in your Care Work. I know I do not speak only for myself, but I think you are tops....



Robbie Sivyer

Ria Plate

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The principal aim of Dutch Aged Care (WA) Inc. shall be to assist in maintaining or improving the quality of life of persons who are aged and living in the Perth (WA) metropolitan area and who identify with the Dutch or German speaking culture.



Mia & Jan Boshart



Bep Banken & friend



Mrs Nieman & son-in-law

DACWA NEWSLETTER

VOLUNTEER CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT RIVERSIDE @ WOODBRIDGE 20 NOVEMBER 2012



The venue for this lunch was Riverside @ Woodbridge in Guilford. At this beautiful place our volunteers could enjoy each others company and be at peace with the Swan River flowing in front of them while seeing the vines of our future wines growing in the distance. Was it a bit far? "YES" but there was a train station nearby - connecting the volunteers giving a ride to their fellow volunteers was also not a problem. Volunteers who drove from and to the station to assist fellow volunteers who were not able to walk the distance, were



very much appreciated....everything fell into place

Many arrived a bit early so the coffee was not ready yet as the staff were setting our tables but it did not matter, the result was great, it felt good. The atmosphere was electrifying with the feeling that the volunteers were happy to see one and other, mixing and matching with lots of talk and lots of laughter and enjoying the beautiful food offered by the staff.

Tinie van Doorn who has been a volunteer for over 14 years, was put in the limelight for her extraordinary commitments towards the 3 residents she visited in 2012. The difference she currently makes to 2 residents is absolutely amazing.



To all our volunteers, a big THANK YOU for making the lunch such a beautiful event for all of us. THANK YOU for all the smiles you put on the faces of the residents when you visit them. You are all very much appreciated.

If you are not volunteering for DACWA and feel you have something to give to an elderly person in our community, please do contact us on 9382 4186.

Warmest regards, **Joyce**



To Dutch Aged Care,

Re: Opera in the Park.

Many organisations would love to have such wonderful staff like yours, they are well managed, well qualified and multi-skilled and are providing excellent care while enriching the lives of those they serve. It must take some top professional skill to achieve this.

It proved it again on last Saturday, when your staff and care-givers took most of us to the Supreme Court Gardens in Perth to enjoy the Opera Rigoletto, it was a warm and friendly environment and watching the oldies

appreciate the lovely atmosphere and companionship was a pleasure!!

Most of us received personal attention by the Support Workers, enabling us to enjoy and to experience the power and excitement of a live operatic performance in a lovely summertime setting.

The co-ordinators managed to secure a

lovely picnic area for the many DACWA people, where we enjoyed ourselves to the fullest and we were taken home very professionally afterwards.

We love to thank especially Regine and Jose & Co, who organised and looked after us so well.

With lots of thanks and compliments,

Carl F. Caubo.



The Urban & Industrial town of Emmen

EMMEN



Flag and Coat of Arms

Emmen is a municipality and a town in the north-eastern part of the Netherlands, in the province of Drenthe.

The municipality of Emmen has some 108,600 inhabitants, with 56,000 living in the town Emmen. Compared to some 3,000 inhabitants in the nineteenth century, this illustrates the rapid growth of Emmen in the past 150 years.

HISTORY

The County of Drenthe, (Landschap Drenthe), was the name given to the present Dutch province of Drenthe between 1528 and 1795.

In the early middle ages, a County of Drenthe existed between 1024 and 1046. But after that period, Drenthe was always part of the Bishopric of Utrecht and more particularly of the Oversticht, the eastern part of the Bishopric.

When the Bishopric of Utrecht was abolished in 1528 and became an integral part of the Habsburg dominions, Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor, divided the Bishopric and made Drenthe a separate county, ruled by a Habsburg Stadtholder. Because Drenthe was only sparsely populated, it had the same Stadtholder as the Lordship of Groningen.

Drenthe supported from the start the Dutch Revolt, but again wasn't treated like the other Counties. It had no voting rights in the Union of Utrecht and wasn't considered as one of the Seven Provinces.

Only in 1815, it became a full province in the United Kingdom of the Netherlands.

HONDSRUG RIDGE

Emmen is part of the Hondsrug ridge. It was a centre of the peat colonies (*veenkolonien*) established in the 19th century to convert the surrounding peat fields to agricultural use. As peat digging declined after 1920, Emmen suffered considerable unemployment. It has grown rapidly into the foremost urban and industrial centre of Drenthe since textile (silk, rayon, synthetics), metallurgical, chemical, pharmaceutical and timber industries were established there after World War II. Emmen has a zoo and a museum, and in the vicinity are several *hunebedden* ("huns' graves"; prehistoric funereal monuments built with large boulders that were probably deposited during the Ice Age). Immediately south of Emmen, near Schoonebeek, are oil and gas fields.

HUNEBEDDEN

A megalithic tomb (in the Netherlands called 'hunebed') is a 'room' made of large boulders in which the dead were buried. The Dutch megalithic tombs were built between 3,400 - 3,200 BC by the people of the funnel beaker (TRB) culture. They remained in use after this period at least until 2,900 BC. Almost all remaining megalithic tombs are situated in Drenthe. We only have the stone rooms left now. Originally they were completely covered up with soil so that only the covering stones were bare. In some cases a circle of stones was built around the tomb. The name 'hunebed' dates back to the 17th century. The people back then associated the prehistoric constructions with 'gruesome Barbarian and cruel Giants, Huynen, Ogres.', which must have heaped the stones on top of each other and were probably buried underneath.



"Hunebeds" mainly found in Drenthe

JEWISH INFLUENCE

Jewish traders settled in the peat-cutting settlement of Emmen in about 1840. At first, they were included in the Jewish community of the nearby town Coevorden but their numbers grew so quickly that in 1876 they were recognized as an independent community in their own right.



Synagogue in Emmen

A synagogue was consecrated on the Julianastraat in Emmen in 1878 and was enlarged several times over the decades that followed. From 1885 until 1915 the community buried its dead in a cemetery located on the Oranjekanaal in the direction of Westeres. In 1915, the community opened a new cemetery directly behind the synagogue. The Emmen community maintained a religious school, a study fellowship for men and a women's society for the care of the interior of the synagogue. A local Jewish theatre group was active during the 1920's.

The Urban & Industrial town of Emmen

JEWISH INFLUENCE - Continued

During the Second World War, the same anti-Jewish measures were applied in Emmen as elsewhere in the Netherlands.

The majority of the local Jews were deported in 1942 and were subsequently murdered in Nazi death camps. Only a few dozen managed to survive the war while in hiding. The synagogue was used by the Germans as a warehouse for possessions seized from local Jews and came through the war undamaged.

After the war, a small Jewish community established itself again in Emmen. The synagogue was sold to the municipality for a token sum in 1974 and was restored in 1975 and again in 1994. The building is still used occasionally for religious services by the Jewish community of the province of Drenthe. Two plaques mounted inside the synagogue contain the names of local Jews murdered during the war. A monument to their memory was unveiled near the synagogue on the Julianastraat in 2000.

On the Jewish Day of Atonement of that year the synagogue was severely damaged by a bomb attack. The damage was repaired and the synagogue re-consecrated later in 2000.



Playful Ring-tailed Lemurs

EMMEN ZOO

The 'Dierenpark Emmen' (Emmen Zoo) has been set out according to the continents of the earth. Every 'continent' in the zoo, from Asia to Europe, represents the plants and animal species of that area. The main goal of the zoo is to educate young and old about the coherence between flora and fauna.

The zoo is home to all sorts of animals, ranging from butterflies to elephants. Visitors are told all about the importance of nature and sustainability.

Built in 1935 and completely renewed in 1970, "Dierenpark Emmen" is considered to be one of the finest zoos in Europe and has won various prizes. Animals live in carefully reconstructed natural habitats according to vegetation, climate and elevation. Because of lack of space, a new second site was opened in 1998 just outside the town of

Emmen. The two parts of the zoo are well connected with each other and one ticket is sufficient for both parts.

CONSERVATION and BREEDING

The zoo has had great success breeding Asian Elephants, with 26 births since 1992 and four births in 2010 and 2011 alone. In 2011 there were 13 elephants at the zoo, others having been transported to other zoos. The elephant accommodations comprise a large moated island for females and calves, and a separate smaller island for the bull, with indoor housing being underground.

FUTURE PLANNING APPROVED

The city council of Emmen has approved the construction of a completely new zoo, expected to draw 1.3 million visitors annually. The new zoo will be completed in 2015 and is part of a plan for revitalizing the city centre of Emmen. Visitors will be able to walk from the new City plaza to the new zoo, which will initially be about 10 hectares (25 acres) with an additional 22 hectares (54 acres) for expansion, and will include about 40,000 square metres (430,000 sq ft) of interior space, including a theatre.



Shopping Mall De Weiart



Town Hall in Emmen



True Love

Compiled by Lou Dingjan with information from the internet.

Profile of a Past President - John Otis

This column will give the reader the opportunity to learn more about the history of the Club and how, with dedication, loyalty and leadership, Neerlandia grew to what it is now. Please find following the story of John Otis (Ottes) as part 2 in the series "Past Presidents".

My background and my involvement with the Dutch Society Neerlandia.



I arrived in Australia in November 1957 by ship, it was "The Johan van Oldenbarneveld."

I came by myself, my grand-parents and my uncle and aunt were already here. They came in 1951 and 1954.

Within days I was working for a butcher on Wanneroo Road, quite an experience after working in The Hague for the Firma De Haas, a well

-known supplier to the Queen (Hofleverancier).

After working in several small factories as well as several years in Merredin, I came back to Perth as my mother arrived by ship in November 1961 and as I recall, it was one of hottest summers in Perth.

I got a job in a butcher shop on Scarborough Beach Road with a large company, Jason's Packaged Meats, they had some 36 shops. It was a very happy place to work and I got to know a lot of Dutchies and many had large families.

After a couple of years I moved to North Beach to manage one of their shops, then to Willagee and I then finished up in William Street, Perth.

That's where it all started. After twelve months I approached my boss and asked him if he would sell the shop to me, but as the turnover had doubled, he was very hesitant.

But after one week he came back and said: "You still want the shop"? Of course I did! So \$5000.00 later I was the proud owner of my first shop.

The sixties and seventies were great in William Street, it was a little Europe.

I took over another butcher's shop in William Street and used it as a boning room and retail outlet.

I got out of that in 1973. My dream was a shop in the city block, so in 1976 I bought the last retail butcher shop in Barrack Street.

I closed it for 6 weeks and completely renovated the premises, it was a dream, it was the best shop in town for its time, Dutch style. Unfortunately people stopped shopping and buying meat in the city, so after two years I sold it to the family Kong and they turned it into Chinese grocery shop.

In the meantime, William Street was doing well, but we were running out of space.

I heard about the Dutch Butcher's being for sale, after the death of Mr Joop van den Klashorst in May 1980, a well-known person in the Dutch community. So I purchased the family business from Mrs Ida van den Klashorst, which was known as "the Dutch Butcher."

The fact that the property consisted of a small building and ample land, suited my plans to extend my manufacturing business. I built a factory with new cool rooms and large freezer and purchased some new equipment, upgraded the shop and at that point in time I sold my shop in William Street.

So I became known as the Dutch Butcher and I started advertising in the Neerlandia Magazine.

From one thing came another. We organized a "Feest Avond" (Dinner Dance) in Neerlandia and we donated a smorgasboard for some 180 people, it was a great success. The committee was very impressed as they needed the money badly. The rest is history and for some twenty years I organized hundreds of functions, with the help of some good people and hard workers like Mick and Tea Blocks, Kees and Ans van Alphen, Ann Greve, Robin Hoogveen, Mariette Hausworth, Bill de Niet, Tea de Koning and her best friend Tilly Stulcbauer, Bert Creemers, Gita Buis and many, many others. A big thank you to all those true friends.

Not to mention the Holland Festivals and the greatest event of all, this was held at the Burswood to celebrate the visit of Prins Willem Alexander. It attracted some 9000 people.

A big thank you to all those who assisted. That event started off the "Klompens Dansers" and the "Hollandia Choir". What a day.

Over the years we also started the annual Klaverjas tournaments, five years of success and the Sunday Brunches are still going.

Let me set the record straight about one thing.

Our treasurer Henk Greve, God bless his soul, in the eighties had a hard time balancing the books and pay the bills, so I discussed with the then Vice President Mr Robert Wegman, another quiet achiever for Neerlandia, there must other ways to raise some extra funds.

The little bar in the lounge, which was donated by the family Hazebroek some years prior, was not being used at all. Why not turn it into a shop to raise some funds, at the same time it will be a convenience, especially for the elderly.

The Committee wholeheartedly agreed, so I stocked the shop, and it has become another success story. For obvious reasons I handed the show over to the committee and shortly after retired and Mr Alex Udinga took over the running.

So with the help of Tea Blocks and Elly Schenkelaars, the bar was transformed into a little grocery shop and ladies here again, the club can be grateful for this money spinner that was created on that Saturday afternoon and thanks to all the people who have worked in it since.

All in all I can look back and say it's been a time not wasted.

In more recent times I managed to have the Dutch Swing College Band play in the clubhouse. It was a great night, but financially it was a disaster and the treasurer, the late Ton Frankhuizen was not pleased. He only liked to see profits, fair enough.

To make good and recover our losses, yes, the "Sunday Open Day" was born, a success and very profitable. Ton was a happy man again.

After the passing of Frans Hekmeyer 1997, I became President and in that position it is very hard to please everyone, so after being President for 2 years and a total of twenty years of involvement with the Committee, I called it quits to concentrate on my own business.

Many thanks to all of my friends and helpers over the many years, it was a buzzzz.

P.S Not to forget the first Haagse Prins Carnaval, Prince John.

John Ottes

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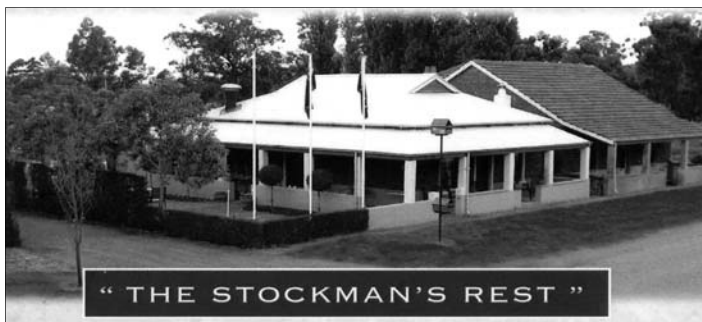
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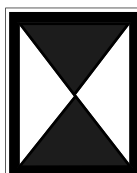
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The national Flag of the Netherlands

Netherland's Flag.

The history of flags evaporates in the grey mists of time, but persistent research has brought to light many interesting facts about the subject. In early days, some 4000 years ago, people identified themselves and their tribe with a kind of a wooden so-called totem pole or guide, as the latter-day Indians called it, with an image carving on its sides and perhaps on top. So as from very early on, humans wanted to identify themselves in normal life as well as in battle. Researchers found evidence of the use of metal flags in Iran some 3000 years ago while diggings in ancient Greece brought coins to light with the marking of a flag on one side. Egyptian tombs of the old Pharaoh's show coloured carvings of small flags or vanes in their pictorial language. It has been found that the use of flags has gradually spread to the west from ancient China into Burma, Thailand (Siam), India and into Iran. Alexander III of Macedon (356-323 BC), better known as Alexander the Great, went eastward with his well trained armies and conquered the Persian Empire under Darius III and even marched as far as India, where his near mutinous troupes actually forced him to turn around and go back. He as one of the great military commanders of all time, would certainly have made use of different coloured vanes and flags to identify his mercenaries coming from all parts of his conquered lands, especially so after he met the armies of king Darius III in combat a few times and finally won. Old Persian paintings and drawings show the use of vanes attached to lances held by their riders when seated on a galloping horse.

The early Roman legions had no flags during their campaigns but their standard bearers carried the image of a metal eagle riveted onto a lance, around which the soldiers rallied when in battle. A battle hardened famous 10th Roman Legion operating in the early years of our first millennium carried these eagles with a flexible tail which moved in the wind. The idea was quickly adopted by other legions and gradually developed in a fluttering pendant and with later-on flags.

In medieval times knights covered in heavy armour carried flags and vanes into battle to identify themselves. Flags were also used for identification by guilds, cities and for use in battles on land and sea. It has been custom ever since the time for sailing vessels plying the waves from country to country, to carry a flag to show their nationality. Flags became objects to be captured or defended in battle and we go back to the time when Napoleon was around doing battle together with his popular and famous generals and marshals like Murat, Jean Baptiste Bernadotte (adopted by the Swedish Royal House and at present the ruling royals), Berthier, Jean Lannes (the dashing Cavalry

Commander) and others, were leading their regiments to victory. A coloured flag gradually developed into a universally accepted symbol to identify a whole country. We have gone a long way.

Well-known is the moving photo, taken by camera-man Joe Rosenthal on the 23rd February 1945, of the five U.S. marines who hoisted the American flag over Mount Suribachi on the southern tip of the island Iwo Jima, situated halfway Japan and the Marian Island group, where the U.S. long range bombers were stationed. The purpose of the attack on Iwo Jima was to enable the American long-range bombers to use its two airfields and force Japan into surrender. This inhospitable rocky outcrop in the ocean was fiercely defended by 18.000 Japanese soldiers of which 216 survived and taken prisoner. This historic flag-raising took place on the 5th day of a 35-day battle. 'Showing the flag' is a great and moving example to rally the cohesive power of a nation and its people and forge a united front to overcome all obstructions and overcome all difficulties, resulting into final victory, in whatever context.

Another great example of the power of a flag display is the story of the battle on the Zuiderzee on the 11th of October 1573, when the Sea-beggars (Watergeuzen) managed to clamber on board the Spanish Flagship 'The Inquisition' of Admiral Bossu, and Jan Haring climbed in the rigging to lower the Spanish flag and hoist the Geuzenvlag (the sea-beggars flag), the Oranje-Blanje-Bleu (Orange-White-Blue). That was a sign for the other Spanish captains that the battle had been lost and most of them took flight. This Spanish defeat came shortly after the Spanish troops abandoned the siege of Alkmaar on the 8th of October 1573, giving hope to the embattled Dutch that victory could be achieved.

A flag and its smaller version a vane, is usually is made of a piece of fabric and used by the military for identification on the fields of battle. National flags are symbols to unify people and especially during stressful times, they are the source of a patriotic cohesion in a nation. The flag of Denmark is the oldest State flag still in use and dates back to the 13th century. It has a red background with a white coloured cross over. Denmark with the early Viking marauders dominated the years in early history and controlled countries like Norway, Sweden, Greenland, Iceland and the Faroe Islands. But history marches on and the Scandinavian countries broke away in the 1500's. The flags of all these countries, as well as Finland's, are all based on Denmark's design, but executed in different colours

The national flag of France, the 'Tricolore' was designed in 1794 by decree on 15 February 1794 (or the 27th Pluviose of the year II of the Revolution).

The national Flag of the Netherlands

Originally they were the basic colours used on the day of storming the Bastille, together with the royal white. The Marquis de Lafayette is thought to have invented the Red-White and Blue cockade, which soon became compulsory for the revolutionaries in 1789. With Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo in 1815, this flag went out of use, but was brought back again on the 30th of July 1830 on the balcony of the City Hall of Paris when the old Marquis de Lafayette gave the Citizen King Louis-Philippe, Duke of Orleans, both a kiss and his beloved 'Tricolor Flag'. On the 1st August of the same year the Duke ordered that France took back 'Its National Colours'.

The Tricolour of the Netherlands is the oldest tricolour in Orange, White and Blue, first appearing in 1572 as the 'Prinsevlag'. However this flag was not the country's first. When at the end of the 15th century many of the 17 Lower Lands Provinces were united under the Burgundian Crown, their flag was flown, consisting of a white field with a cross of red laurel branches in the form of an X. After their revolt against King Philip II of Spain, the Prinsevlag was flown. This flag was carried by the Watergeuzen (Sea-beggars) when they occupied Den Briel on the 1st of April 1572 during the absence of the Spanish troops which were temporarily in Rotterdam.

During the economic supremacy of the Republic in the 16th and 17th century, the Orange, White and Blue flag, proudly flown from the masts of their many ships plying the world's oceans, became world-known as the symbol of the powerful Dutch Republic with Amsterdam as its center. It was the known flag of the Republic of the



The Dutch Flag was Orange, white and light blue in the 16th and 17th centuries.

Seven Provinces and officially recognized as such on the conclusion of the Union of Utrecht on the 23rd January 1579.

The end of the Orange-White and Blue flag came when the French army invaded the Republic in December 1794 under command of General Pichegru. A parade took place in Amsterdam on the 19th January 1795, the day that Stadtholder Willem V had escaped to England, the same day that the Republic of the Seven Provinces was named the 'Bataafsche Republic'. A payment of one million guilders was

demanding by France for recognition (the only country that ever recognized the new Republic). Already before all this there were divisions in the Dutch community, those of the 'Prins Gezinden' and those of the 'Patriots' who favoured the Red-White-Blue flag and who directed their political views towards revolutionary France. A brother of Napoleon, Louis Napoleon Bonaparte, was appointed King of Holland and so our 'Koninkrijk Holland' emerged from the Bataafsche Republiek on the 5th of June 1806, lasting till the 9th of July 1810, with our Red-White-Blue as national flag. The final blow came when Napoleon, being dissatisfied with his brother's love for the Dutch people, placed the Koninkrijk Holland directly under French rule as a vassal state.

Continuous warfare caused a very unsettled situation for the Dutch, but when the military situation for Napoleon became untenable after his defeat in the



Red, white and blue with an Orange sash.

battle near Leipzig (16-18 October 1813), the Dutch were not slow celebrating their freedom, hanging out the Red White-Blue flag decorated with an Orange banner flying on top, showing their loyalty towards

their traditional rulers of the House of Orange.

As from the start, the Republic's flag had three colours, but not always three horizontal bands. In the early stages there were three, sometimes six or even nine bands, but only after the end of the 16th century a degree of uniformity appeared. After 1630 the orange band was gradually replaced with a red one, as seen on the old naval paintings. The probable reason being that orange and the early light blue are faint colours and more difficult to recognize than red and dark blue, especially at sea. In the years before WW II, Anton Mussert, leader of the N.S.B. (Nationaal-Socialistische Beweging) claimed that the Orange-White-Blue flag was the real Dutch flag, but research showed that the true colours had never been established by law. An so minister Hendrikus Colijn with a consenting parliament, asked Queen Wilhelmina to ratify and sign the 'Koninklijk Besluit' on 19th February 1937, reading 'De kleuren van de vlag van het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden zijn rood, wit en blauw'. Hereby I have given my readers another glimpse of the glorious history of our beloved country of birth, more reason to be very proud of our heritage.

Gerard Woerlee.

Challenging puzzles by the Puzzle Wizard

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CODEBREAKER PUZZLE



How to play the Game:

A Codebreaker is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number represents the same letter all the time in this puzzle. All you have to do is find out which letter is represented by which number!

The codes for 3 letters are revealed in this puzzle. When you have entered these letters throughout the puzzle, you should have enough information to start guessing your first word and also discover other letters. If you are unsure, use a pencil, then you can always erase mistakes.

I found the last Codebreaker not too easy, but once I found the words "imagine, llama & lentil", I was on my way. The February solution was:

A=26; B=19; C=6; D=24; E=1; F=17; G=20; H=5; I=23; J=22; K=15; L=7; M=14; N=4; O=11; P=16; Q=12; R=18; S=2; T=3; U=9; V=21; W=13; X=10; Y=8; Z=25.

Sudoku

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers in the boxes to satisfy only one condition: each row, each column and each 3x3 box must contain one each of the digits 1 through 9.

Sudoku - Easy

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6				4	9		8	
9		5	3		8	6		1
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8	5		7				3	
		4		9		2		
7					1		4	8



Sudoku - Moderate

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	1		4		7		5	
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